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FROM SMITH FOR PARSONS

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1. RESERVATIONS MADE AT ST. FRANCIS, SAN FRANCISCO.
HAYNES SENDING CONFIRMATION TO PARSONS. HE HAS TENTATIVE
COMMITMENT FROM BART FO, TOUR ON MONDAY, 4/19, BUT, IN
ORDER T, BE RESPONSIVE, BART WOULD APP ECIATE ADVICE ON
WHICH ASPECTS OF SYSTEM BESIDES CARS ARE OF PRIMARY
INTEREST TO GROUP.

2. DOT PERSONNEL WILL MEET GROUP AT PUEBLO TUESDAY, 4/20,
PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO TEST CENTER WHERE THREE-HOUR
AFTERNOON PROGRAM AND THREE-HOUR MORNING WEDNESDAY, 4/21,
PROGRAMS ARRANGED.

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3. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT PALMER HOUSE, CHICAGO, FOR MISSION, SMITH FROM COMMERCE, AND GRIFFIN OF PULLMAN. PULLMAN WILL MEET GROUP AT AIRPORT AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL. THURSDAY, 4/22, RESERVED FOR

PULLMAN FACILITY. FRIDAY, 4/23 FOR GM WHICH WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTEL TO PLANT IN LA GRANGE AND ARRANGE AFTERNOON RIDE ON BURLINGTON NORTHERN.

4. GE WILL TAKE GROUP FROM CHICAGO TO ERIE AND ON TO WASHINGTON. IT ALSO ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION ON GE LOCOMOTIVE-HAULED TRAIN WITH NEW BUDD COACHES FROM WASHINGTON TO PHILADELPHIA.

5. DOT HAS MORNING BRIEFING BY FRA ON MONDAY, 4/26, RAILWAY PROGRESS INSTITUTE HOSTING LUNCHEON, DOT ARRANGING AFTERNOON WMATA TOUR.

6. BUDD WILL ARRANGE RIDE ON DART'S LINDENWOLD LINE FOR TUESDAY, 4/27 AND, SCHEDULE PERMITTING, RIDE ON SEPTA. WEDNESDAY, 4/28, RESERVED FOR BUDD PLANT VISIT.

7. GM STILL NOT CERTAIN HOW TO HANDLE LOCOMOTIVE DEMONSTRATION AND WISHES DISCUSS QUESTION WITH MISSION IN LA GRANGE. SINCE ONLY THREE PERSONS CAN RIDE ON LOCO AT SAME TIME, GM CONSIDERING TWO BRIEF DEMONSTRATIONS. IN ANY CASE, COMPANY INTENDS HAVE MISSION IN NEW YORK BY EVENING THURSDAY, 4/29. DOT HAS RESERVED ROOMS FOR PARTY AT BARBIZON PLAZA, CENTRAL PARK SOUTH.

8. DOT ARRANGING MORNING TOUR OF MTA AND PATH AND AFTERNOON RIDE ON ERIE-LACKAWANNA FOR FRIDAY, 4/30.

9. GE RESERVING SPACE ON NY, NEW HAVEN, AND HARTFORD FOR MORNING SATURDAY, 5/1, AND CONNECTION WITH TURBOTRAIN FROM NEW HAVEN TO BOSTON. KISSINGER

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